

County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Human Services Council

DATE: February 27, 2014

At-Large Kevin H. Bell, Chair Myra Herbert

TO:

FROM:

Human Services Boards, Authorities, and Commissions Community Advocacy and Provider Organizations

Human Services Directors

Braddock District
Dr. Jennifer Anne
Bishop

Steven Bloom, Chair, Budget Committee Fairfax County Human Services Council

<u>Dranesville District</u> Steven Bloom Kathleen Murphy

The County Executive released the Fairfax County **FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan** on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

Hunter Mill District
Baba Freeman
Dr. Jerry Poje Vice
Chair

As part of its mission, the Fairfax County Human Services Council is charged with providing feedback to the Board of Supervisors on resources provided in support of the human services system. In order to fulfill its charge, the Council seeks input from the community regarding specific concerns about the advertised budget and its impact to the service effectiveness of human services funded by the county.

<u>Lee District</u> Robert L. Faherty Richard Gonzalez

The Council will make its presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. In preparation for the Council's presentation, and as in prior years, we invite your group to share your perspective on the budget proposed by the County Executive.

Mason District
Mark Deal
Stephanie Mensh

This year, due to the Board of Supervisors' schedule, the Council has a compressed budget review timeframe. To gather input, the Council has scheduled two Community Dialogue meetings and will also accept your written input in lieu of an oral presentation.

Mt. Vernon District
Col. Marion
Barnwell

Ways to Provide Input

<u>Providence District</u> Henry Wulf

The Community Dialogue meetings will be held as follows (written comments to accompany your presentation are encouraged):

Springfield District Robert E. Gaudian William Kogler

4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032

1. Meeting #1: Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the Little River Glen Senior Center,

<u>Sully District</u> Carol Hawn

- 2. **Meeting #2: Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.**, at the Pennino Human Services Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
 - To arrange to speak at either meeting, please email Dwight Curtis at Dwight.Curtis@fairfaxcounty.gov or contact him by phone at (703) 324-5630 or TTY 711, no later than March 6, 2014.
- 3. Written Comments Only: Due no later than close of business on March 7, 2014.
 - To submit written comments in lieu of an oral presentation, please submit them no later than March 7, 2014, via email to Ronald.McDevitt@fairfaxcounty.gov or by U.S. mail to: Human Services Council, c/o Department of Administration for Human Services, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 942, Fairfax, VA 22035.

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Guidelines

Because of the significant amount of information the Council will review, the following information and **guidelines** are offered to assist you in preparing your input:

- The Council received a briefing on the <u>FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan</u> by the County Executive, so it is not necessary for your organization to include a review of the Advertised Budget Plan. We request that your organization arrange for no more than one individual per organization to present.
- Because of the anticipated number of organizations participating in the meetings, each presentation
 will be limited to 7 minutes, including questions and answers. This year we are asking
 organizations to submit their written testimony in advance of the meetings so that the Council can
 review the testimony and be prepared to ask questions. To ensure there is enough time for a
 meaningful dialogue with each organization, we ask that you limit your oral presentation to 5
 minutes out of the total time allotted.
- The Council will be assessing the Advertised Budget Plan with regard to its effect on the following seven strategic focus areas that guide our work:
 - Healthy People
 - o Positive Living for Older Adults and People With Disabilities
 - Connected Communities
 - Successful Children and Youth
 - o Economic Self Sufficiency/Financial Security
 - Sustainable Housing
 - Infrastructure Support
- In order to most effectively assist the Council, we recommend that you focus your testimony and presentation on how your specific concerns relate to one or more of these results areas. In addition, if you are identifying a need for funding for services, please address (1) the value of that program/service, (2) the outcomes that will be achieved, and (3) the data that can demonstrate the service/program effectiveness.

Please note that the Council's schedule of activities and resource materials that may be of interest to you may be found at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil/.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continued support and interest in the County's human services delivery system.

COMMUNITY INPUT

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL ON THE FY 2015 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN

1.	SUMMARY OF NEED:
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2.	RECOMMENDATION:
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3.	ANTICIPATED OR EVIDENCE OF OUTCOMES/RESULT OF APPROACH RECOMMENDED